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Docket No.: C013929/0110035



REPLY UNDER
37 CFR § 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Catia BASTIOLI *et al.*)
Serial No.: 09/297,733) Examiner: N. M. Nutter
Filed: May 5, 1999) Art Unit: 1711
For: **BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERIC**)
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING STARCH)
AND A THERMOPLASTIC POLYMER)

New York, New York
October 9, 2006

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before October 10, 2006. 37 CFR § 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Application No.: 09/297,733
Amendment Dated: October 9, 2006
Reply to Office Action Dated: July 10, 2006

Because the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth in MPEP § 714.13 (8th Ed., Rev. 3, Aug. 2005, pp. 700-239 to 700-240) respectfully is solicited.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS: None.

REMARKS begin on page 3 of this paper.